

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the Subtitle found on page 1, before paragraph [0001] as follows:

~~Technical Field~~Background of the Invention

1. Field of the Invention

Please amend the Subtitle found on page 1, before paragraph [0002] as follows:

~~Background~~2. Description of the Related Art

Please amend the Subtitle found on page 2, before paragraph [0003] as follows:

~~Disclosure~~Summary of the Invention

Problems to be Solved by the Invention

Please amend the Subtitle found on page 8, before paragraph [0026] as follows:

~~List of Reference Symbols~~

Please amend paragraph [0026] as follows:

[0026] 1 steam cooking apparatus  
20 heating chamber  
22 rack  
25 blowing device  
28 suction port

30 — outer circulation passage  
40 — sub cavity  
41 — steam heating heater  
42 — floor panel  
43 — upper jet holes  
45 — duct  
46 — side jet holes  
50 — steam generating device  
90 — feed

Please amend the Subtitle found on page 8, before paragraph [0027] as follows:

~~Best Mode for Carrying Out~~Detailed Description of the Invention

Please amend paragraph [0034] as follows:

[0034] ~~After exiting from the~~To the fan casing 27, through an outlet port thereof, the outer circulation passage 30 is 30, formed largely of pipes having a circular cross-sectional ~~shape~~shape, is connected. To the outlet port of the fan casing 27, a first pipe 31 is connected, which has an exhaust port 32 at the other end thereof. To the first pipe 31, a short distance on the upstream side of the exhaust port 32, a second pipe 33 is connected, which is elbow-shaped. A horizontal part of the second pipe 33 protrudes into an upper part of a steam generating device 50 (which

will be described in detail later) to form a steam suction ejector 34. The outlet end of the second pipe 33 is tapered to serve as an inner nozzle of the steam suction ejector 34.

Please amend paragraph [0074] as follows:

[0074] The steam jetted out sideways through the side jet holes 46 reaches, from the left and right sides, under the rack 22 and meets under the food 90. Although the steam jetted out through the side jet holes 46 is directed originally in directions tangential to the surface of the food 90, as a result of the steam from the left and right sides ~~meeting~~meet, it does not flow straight on, but stagnates and fills under the food 90. The steam thus behaves as if blown in directions normal to the surface of the food 90. This ensures that the heat of steam is delivered to the lower part of the food 90.